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TAGS: EAGR/FR
SUBJECT: ZAIRE SUGAR

1. MR. ROBOARD ROLLAND, CITIZEN OF ZAIRE, REPRESENTING
ZAIRIAN FIRM "COMPAGNIE SUCRIERE DE KWILU-NGONGO",
BOITE POSTALE 8816, KINSHASA, ZAIRE, HAS MADE TWO
VISITS TO EMBASSY AGATT (MAY 19 AND 23) TO REQUEST THAT
PART OF A REPORTED \$ 17 MILLION AID GRANT FROM THE US TO
ZAIRE BE MADE IN THE FORM OF SUGAR. MR. ROLLAND
CLAIMS A SUGAR SHORTAGE EXISTS IN ZAIRE WHICH CANNOT
BE COVERED BY NORMAL COMMERCIAL IMPORTS BECAUSE THE
CURRENT MILITARY CRISIS IN THAT COUNTRY HAS CREATED
SEVERE PROBLEMS OF SOLVENCY FOR IMPORTERS.

2. MR. ROLLAND CLAIMS TO HAVE TWO LINES OF CREDIT
VALID UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20, 1978 FROM THE BANQUE
COMMERCIALE ZAIROISE DEPOSITED IN BANQUE BELGOLAISE
(SIC) OF BRUSSELS. THESE LINES OF CREDIT ARE GUARANTEED
BY THE BANQUE NATIONALE DU ZAIRE ACCORDING TO A LETTER
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SHOWN TO US SIGNED BY "GOVERNOR BOFOSSA W'AMB' EA
NKOSO" JANUARY 1, 1978. THESE COMMERCIAL LINES OF
CREDIT ARE NO. 901-364 FOR 30,000 MT AND NR. 901-363
FOR 15,000 MT OF REFINED SUGAR.

3. AS EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL STATUS HE GAVE HIS PRIVATE
CREDIT REFERENCES AT THE KREDIETBANK OF BRUSSELS,

ACCOUNT NUMBER 430-099 7441-78 AND AT THE BANQUE DE
KINSHASA ACCOUNT NUMBER 0110-384-9.

4. WE EXPLAINED THAT THE US IS NOT AN EXPORTER OF SUGAR
AND THAT NEITHER PL-480 NOR OTHER CURRENT AID
PROGRAMS FOR ZAIRE WOULD LIKELY INCLUDE SUGAR.
MR. ROLLAND APPROACHED EMBASSY PARIS RATHER THAN
EMBASSY KINSHASA BECAUSE HE IS CURRENTLY VISITING
PARIS ON OTHER BUSINESS. HE INSISTED THAT THE URGENCY
OF ZAIRE SUGAR SUPPLY PROBLEM WARRANTED THE FORWARDING
OF HIS INQUIRY.
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